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Coir Industry in Malabar

* 2751 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government to the Centre for improving the Coir Industry in Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : If the Government have not made any suggestion to the Central Government as to the improvement of coir industry in Malabar, what steps this Government are going to take with regard to the coir industry?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A scheme for the reorganization of coir industry in Malabar and South Kanara districts on co-operative basis has been included in the Second Five-Year Plan. The scheme contemplates the starting of 50 coir workers' co-operative societies at the rate of 10 each year and two Central Marketing Societies to be established in Malabar. Each of the 50 coir workers' co-operative societies will be given a subsidy of Rs. 2,500 per annum and an interest free loan of Rs. 25,000. The Central Marketing Societies will be given a subsidy of Rs. 20,000 per annum each and an interest free loan of Rs. 2,50,000. The total cost of the scheme for five years is estimated to be Rs. 22·85 lakhs. Further, a scheme for starting coir demonstration centres at Ponnani and Badagara has also been included in the Second Five-Year Plan.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, in view of the pronounced 9–10 a.m.
unemployment in Malabar, will the Government try to start definite schemes on the co-operative lines suggested now for the coir industry, for other industries which are also congenial in that area such as making matches, etc.?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. In the Second Five-Year Plan we have introduced a scheme to start 100 match factories some of which will be located in Malabar.

Extra allowance for night duty nurses

* 2752 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any extra allowance is given to the night duty nurses in Government Hospitals in the State?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the special hardship that these nurses work during night hours, will the Government see that some extra allowance is given to them?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, the nurses are posted to night duty by turns.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Sir, generally two nurses of different sex are posted in every ward during night time to do the night duty and female nurses who are considered to be the weaker sex go to sleep soon. The male nurses, though they have not got the sympathy of the Government, are discharging their duties in the night very efficiently. Considering all these facts, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to select more male nurses for doing at least the night duty? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, it has been found that women nurses are very good at doing night duties. (Laughter.)

Eviction from Government lands in Wynaad taluk

* 2753 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are taking proceedings for the eviction of landless poor who have occupied lands in charge of the Revenue Department in Wynaad taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the number of families affected thereby?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) No cases of eviction of encroachments by coercive process have so far been effected in Wynaad taluk. The Tahsildar had, however, booked 261 cases in fasli 1364 and issued No. 7 notices under the Land Encroachment Act as a result of which 13 encroachers have since vacated the lands. In view of the representations received from political parties and individuals, the Government ordered on 8th July 1955 the stay of all eviction proceedings until further orders. The question whether any special treatment is called for in the case of these encroachers is engaging the attention of Government.

Eviction from Government lands in Wynaad taluk

* 2754 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received in June–July 1955 representations and memoranda from political parties and others against the eviction of persons in possession of Government lands in Wynaad taluk, Malabar, and if so, whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. Eviction proceedings have been stayed in respect of all unauthorized occupation of revenue lands within and without the Wynaad Colonization area in Wynaad taluk and the matter is under the active consideration of the Government.